

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1654
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP2004/012870
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FOR: Microparticles Comprising Somatostatin Analogues

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

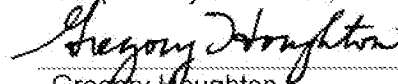
The Office Action of June 9, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 9, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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